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GAS NATURAL APROVISIONAMIENTOS,)))
SDG, S.A.,) 08 Cv. 1109 (DC)
Petitioner,)
- against -)
ATLANTIC LNG COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,)))
Respondent.)

DECLARATION OF JAMES CAVOLI IN SUPPORT OF
RESPONDENT ATLANTIC LNG COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO'S MOTION TO VACATE THE ARBITRAL AWARD
AND IN OPPOSITION TO GAS NATURAL APROVISIONAMIENTOS
SDG S.A.'S AMENDED PETITION TO RECOGNIZE AND ENFORCE THE AWARD

James G. Cavoli declares, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

- 1. I am a member of the law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, attorneys for Respondent Atlantic LNG Company of Trinidad and Tobago ("Atlantic"), and a member of the Bar of this Court.
- 2. I submit this declaration in support of Atlantic's Reply Memorandum of Law in Support of its Motion to Vacate the Arbitral Award and in Opposition to Gas Natural Aprovisionamientos SDG S.A.'s Amended Petition to Recognize and Enforce the Award.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 29 is a true and correct copy of excerpts of Gas Natural Aprovisionamientos SDG S.A.'s Memorandum of Law in Support of its Statement of Defense and Counterclaim, dated March 7, 2007 ("3/7/07 GNA Mem"). For clarity, the exhibit hereto is numbered consecutively following those annexed to my declaration dated April 16, 2008.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 4.

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Exhibit 29

UNCITRAL ARBITRATION RULES

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between:	
ATLANTIC LNG COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,	_))
Claimant,)
- against -)
GAS NATURAL APROVISIONAMIENTOS SDG, S.A.,)
Respondent.))

GAS NATURAL APROVISIONAMIENTOS SDG S.A.'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF ITS STATEMENT OF DEFENSE AND COUNTERCLAIM

March 7, 2007

Before: Mr. Gerald Aksen (Chairman) Prof. Ben H. Sheppard, Jr. Mr. Eugene A. Massey



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I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. This Memorandum of Law is submitted on behalf of Respondent Gas Natural Aprovisionamientos SDG, S.A. ("GNA") in support of GNA's Statement of Defense and Counterclaim filed on October 13, 2006. It is submitted in accordance with the procedural timetable contemplated in Procedural Order No. 1 and confirmed in Procedural Order No. 3, as varied by the Chairman's e-mail dated December 8, 2006. Defined terms in GNA's Statement of Defense and Counterclaim are also used in this Memorandum of Law. ¹
- 2. This is a contract case. Many, if not all, of the matters in dispute are resolved by reference to the language in the LNG Sales Contract. Despite that fact, Atlantic's Statement of Defense to GNA's Counterclaim dated November 13, 2006 and its Memorandum of Law dated December 29, 2006 have injected a high level of complexity into this case, which requires a detailed response by GNA. The length of this Memorandum of Law is a function of the need to respond to the many and varied allegations in those submissions.
- 3. This Memorandum of Law is accompanied by the witness statements of (in alphabetical order):
 - (a) Gregorio Gutiérrez Escudero, the Gas Procurement and International Projects
 Director at Enagas when the Parties executed the LNG Sales Contract in 1995 and
 the lead negotiator on behalf of Enagas for the Contract ("Witness Statement of
 Gregorio Escudero");
 - (b) Carlos Humphrey, the Gas Supply Manager of Gas Natural ("GN") and later of Repsol-Gas Natural LNG S.L.² during negotiations for Atlantic's Price Reopener that is the subject of this arbitration ("Witness Statement of Carlos Humphrey");

For the avoidance of doubt, GNA hereby reaffirms all statements made in its Statement of Defense and Counterclaim.

Repsol-Gas Natural LNG, S.L. is a joint venture company established in 2005 between Repsol YPF, S.A. ("Repsol") and GN.

Pages 2-24 omitted (not referenced or relied upon by Atlantic)

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- In support of its ill-conceived argument, Atlantic relies heavily on its belief that Article 8.5(a) does not contain any language requiring such a causal nexus. But it clearly does. Article 8.5(a) provides that the Parties must decide whether the alleged changes "result[] [in] application of the formula set forth in Article 8.1 ... not reflect[ing] the value of Natural Gas in the Buyer's end user market" The Parties must then "determine whether or not such exist and justify a revision of the Contract Price." That the that supports a Price Reopener must "justify" the revision necessarily means that the revision must reflect the "revision. Obviously it would not be "fair and equitable" to revise the Contract Price in a way that did not reflect the very change that triggered the revision in the first place.
- 53. In its submissions to this Tribunal, Atlantic has utterly failed to explain the causal nexus between the "changes" on which it relies—liberalization and its effects—and the alleged increase in the market price of natural gas. Indeed, Atlantic has entirely failed to explain why a change that occurred five years ago has only manifested its effects now. The answer, of course, is that liberalization is not the change that caused the alleged need for an increase in prices (either in Spain or in the liberalization). Atlantic's strategy appears to have been to identify a high market price, to look back in time to find some "change" in Spain, and to seize on that "change" as a basis for a revision to reflect the high price—regardless of whether the change caused the high price or not.

2. The Liberalization Of The Spanish Market And Its Consequences Were Reasonably Foreseeable.

54. Further, the consequences of liberalization—and liberalization itself—were reasonably foreseeable when the Parties executed the Contract. In its Statement of Defense and Counterclaim, 70 GNA made clear that Atlantic's "unforeseeability" argument is impossible because the Contract itself contemplates future gas-to-gas competition in

⁶⁸ LNG Sales Contract, Article 8.5(a) (emphasis added).

⁶⁹ Id

Statement of Defense and Counterclaim ¶¶ 109–15

Spain.⁷¹ For gas to compete with other gas, the market in Spain had to be liberalized (because a monopolistic gas seller cannot compete against itself).⁷² GNA made this point in its Statement of Defense and Counterclaim.⁷³ It is more than telling that in its 11-page response on this issue, Atlantic never once responds to this point. Atlantic remains silent on this argument because it cannot change the reality that the Parties openly declared in Article 8.5(c) that gas-to-gas competition (*i.e.*, liberalization) was expected in 1995. Such silence falls well short of it meeting its burden of proof.

- In addition, the language of Article 2.4 makes it clear that the Parties envisioned the possibility, during the life of the Contract, that the Buyer under the Contract may not directly own, or have access to, the Spanish Receiving Facilities, which are defined as those LNG receiving facilities owned by Enagas in 1995 in Barcelona, Huelva, and Cartagena, Spain. Article 2.4 provides in relevant part that the Buyer "shall, directly or through an Affiliate, during the term of this Contract...own, operate and maintain...or shall have free access to and use of, the Spanish Receiving Facilities[.]" Thus, Article 2.4 contemplates the express possibility that the Buyer may not be the actual owner of the Spanish Receiving Facilities but, rather, that an affiliate of the Buyer may own those facilities. That would mean that the parties understood the possibility that Enagas may be restructured over the term of the Contract such that its regasification facilities may not be owned by the same entity as the supply portfolio used to serve the Spanish market.
- 56. Article 2.4 further indicates that the Parties envisioned the possibility that regasification facilities in Spain could become open access and allowed that the Buyer could own them, an affiliate could own them, or an unrelated third-party entirely could own them, so long as the Buyer or its affiliate at all times has "free access and use of" those facilities

LNG Sales Contract, Article 8.5(c) (providing that any revised Contract Price shall allow Enagas to market Train 1 LNG "in competition with all competing sources or forms of energy . . . including, but not limited to, natural gas").

Further, as confirmed by the Witness Statement of Gregorio Escudero, one (but only one) of the reasons that Enagas insisted that the parties include Article 2.6 was to provide Enagas flexibility for any circumstance. See Witness Statement of Gregorio Escudero ¶ 37.

Statement of Defense and Counterclaim ¶ 111.

LNG Sales Contract, Article 2.4 (emphasis added).

(meaning it has secured capacity in those facilities). There would have been no need to contemplate open access facilities absent some expectation that the Spanish market would be liberalized during the term of the Contract, since the purpose of open access facilities is to permit multiple suppliers non-discriminatory access to terminal, storage, and transportation facilities necessary to access the market. Again, Atlantic fails to provide any explanation as to how these provisions are reconcilable with its position in this case.

- 57. Moreover, the Parties' expectations of the coming liberalization were reasonable in 1995. GNA cited numerous public pronouncements made prior to 1995 from institutions such as the Council of Europe, the European Commission, and the European Parliament predicting the liberalization of the Spanish market in the near future.⁷⁵ It additionally cited abundant evidence from other sources that it was well known in the gas industry in 1995 that the liberalization of the Spanish market was on the horizon.⁷⁶ And if that were not enough, GNA showed that Atlantic itself would have been well aware of how quickly liberalization can occur—and its effects (including reorganization of the prior monopoly company)—based on the experience of its shareholder, BG, when the UK gas market liberalized in the early 1990s.⁷⁷
- 58. The Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group now confirms GNA's position. It sets forth copious amounts of irrefutable evidence that liberalization was objectively foreseeable when the Parties entered into the Contract in 1995 and that liberalization would occur well within the life of the Contract (i.e., before 2019). With equal force, the Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group confirms that the deregulation of the UK market was a well-known precedent in 1995, which clearly indicated the manner in which the deregulation would proceed in other European countries. It further demonstrates that liberalization of the Spanish market was—contrary to Atlantic's

⁷⁵ Statement of Defense and Counterclaim ¶ 109.

⁷⁶ *Id*. ¶ 110.

⁷⁷ *Id.* ¶¶ 112–14.

⁷⁸ Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group ¶¶ 1–34.

contention⁷⁹—a gradual, four-stage process that was fully developed by 2001.⁸⁰ GNA relies on this and other evidence in the Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group for the undeniable fact that the liberalization of the Spanish market was objectively foreseeable in 1995. The Witness Statement of Gregorio Escudero confirms this point with regard not only to Atlantic but to "everybody" at the negotiating table.⁸¹

- Atlantic brushes aside this evidence, instead preferring to place reliance on the witness statement of Roger Stehn, who states that GNA's position is wrong because of an internal memorandum of the Amoco Corporation generated in 1995. That memorandum, says Atlantic, is evidence that liberalization was not objectively foreseen in Spain until after 2019. Of course it says nothing of the sort. Quite the opposite, it *specifically recognizes* that there was a "threat [of] government legislation mandating an open market in Spain." More to the point, evidence of *what Atlantic believed* does not answer the question. The Parties have already debated whether the "unexpectedness" requirement is a subjective or an objective standard, with Atlantic ultimately conceding that it was an objective standard. Thus, the real question is whether this purported belief was *reasonable* in view of the copious amounts of evidence indicating that deregulation was, in fact, likely. On any view, it was not—particularly when the Contract itself reflects the parties' expectation that deregulation would take place.
- 60. Left with little else, Atlantic musters the weak argument that, even if it expected that liberalization would occur during the life of the Contract (as Article 8.5(c) confirms it did), it did not expect that it would occur so rapidly.⁸⁴ GNA has already answered this argument. In its Statement of Defense and Counterclaim, GNA stated that it is entirely irrelevant under Article 8.5 whether deregulation occurred in 2000 rather than 2006—or

Memorandum of Law ¶¶ 47–50.

Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group ¶¶ 19–38.

Witness Statement of Gregorio Escudero ¶ 68.

E-mail from K. McMillan to P. Ribbeck, attaching memorandum dated Dec. 1, 1995 (emphasis added), Annex C-344.

Letter from M. Hirschfeld to Tribunal dated Oct. 6, 2006 ¶ 2.n. 2 ("[R]easonableness [as used in Article 8.5(a)] is determined by an objective standard.").

Memorandum of Law ¶¶ 47–50.

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2009.85 If it were relevant, then Atlantic's argument would only make sense if it sought a new Contract Price but only until such time as it did expect deregulation would occur, at which time the original Contract Price would apply again. Even Atlantic does not argue this. And, indeed, such a bizarre theory reveals the underlying problem with Atlantic's contention in the first place: so long as deregulation was reasonably expected during the life of the Contract, it is of no moment that Atlantic expected the change to occur later in the Contract. Atlantic has provided no response in its Memorandum of GNA submits that, given Atlantic's unwillingness to even respond to these arguments, the Tribunal should summarily reject all of Atlantic's arguments regarding the (incorrect) allegation that it was reasonable to expect a "slow and deliberate" liberalization of the Spanish market. 86 Mr. Escudero also confirms in his Witness Statement that Atlantic was aware that liberalization would occur in the near future and, in any case, within the life of the Contract.⁸⁷

Atlantic's Alleged "Change" To Support Its Spanish-Based Claim Is Also 3. Meritless.

61.	Finally, to support its alternative, Spanish-market claim, Atlantic argues that the Tribuna
	should adopt a revised Contract Price "to reflect significant and unexpected changes in
	the [in the markets]." Atlantic alleges that
	has been "eliminated" in the Spanish market and that higher priced
	That argument, however, fails for three independent
	reasons:

(a) The issue is moot because the effect of any "disappearance" of would already be reflected in the market price, which, as the Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group confirms, is below what GNA already pays Atlantic;

⁸⁵ Statement of Defense and Counterclaim ¶ 115.

⁸⁶ See, e.g., Memorandum of Law ¶¶ 47–54.

⁸⁷ Witness Statement of Gregorio Escudero ¶ 68.

⁸⁸ Memorandum of Law ¶ 142, 143.

- (b) The more applicable inquiry for determining these products' effect on market prices is not whether it is consumed in Spain but, rather, whether the products are still used to set market prices in the Spanish natural gas market, and is used more now for that purpose than it was in 1995; and
- (c) Any reduction in consumption is irrelevant because it is still a key price driver in the Spanish natural gas market, and, in any event, is still being consumed in Spain.
- 62. GNA explains each of these independent bases for rejecting Atlantic's Spanish-market claim below.
 - a. Any "Disappearance" of Would Already Be Taken Into Account By The Discounted Market Price.
- 63. The basis for Atlantic's Spanish-based claim is that Royal Decree 287/2001 caused a "de facto outlawing of Even assuming the factual accuracy, the unexpectedness, and the significance of this alleged change, the issue is moot. The effect of this change is already reflected in the obtainable market price for natural gas in the liberalized Spanish market. That is to say, if the alleged "disappearance" of had any effect on the "value of Natural Gas in the Buyer's end user market" (either upward or downward), then that change would be merely one of the factors that would affect what a willing buyer would pay a willing seller.
- As discussed above, the Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group establishes that the price in the weighted average price in the Spanish liberalized market, during the period from October 2003 to December 2006, is approximately placed by the price that GNA pays Atlantic for Train 1 LNG. Placed by the alleged "de facto outlawing of take into account any price change caused by the alleged "de facto outlawing of

Statement of Claim ¶ 87.

⁹⁰ LNG Sales Contract, Article 8.5(a).

This calculation excludes distribution, transportation, regasification, and shipping costs.

⁹² See supra.

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."93 The market price—whatever level it is at—must be taking into account any
reduction in the consumption of For this same reason, Atlantic's allegation that
has partially replaced is also moot because its effect on the
value of Natural Gas would already be reflected in the lower market price.

b. Atlantic's Argument Distorts The Function Of In Determining Market Prices In Spain.

- 65. Even putting aside the fact that any reduction in would already be reflected in the lower value of Natural Gas in the market (and thus could not be the basis for an upward price revision), Atlantic's arguments relating to these products also must be rejected because Atlantic has failed to explain how these alleged changes "result[] [in] application of the formula set forth in Article 8.1 . . . not reflect[ing] the value of Natural Gas in the Buyer's end user market," as required by Article 8.5(a). Atlantic's argument is comprised of two steps: first, it argues that is no longer being consumed in Spain (which is factually wrong); and second, it leaps from that factually faulty premise to the conclusion that—ipso facto—the Contract Price no longer reflects the value of Natural Gas in the market.
- 66. The obvious problem with this theory is that Atlantic never explains why marketers could demand a higher price from their customers because is allegedly not being consumed in the market. In other words, Atlantic has not explained the causal nexus between the alleged lack of consumption and the fact that the Contract Price no longer reflects the market price. And, as discussed below, that is no accident.
- 67. The fundamental misunderstanding in Atlantic's theory lies in its failure to appreciate the function that plays in determining the value of natural gas in the end user market. The Witness Statement of Víctor Tuñón explains that the customers in the liberalized Spanish market (with whom Mr. Tuñón himself negotiates prices) demand a price with a reference to the

⁹³ Statement of Claim ¶ 87.

	.94 The customers do this because the set is not set by the seller but, rather,
	by an independent body in the Spanish Regulator.
68.	Thus, in determining whether the alleged "disappearance" of or replacement of has resulted in the formula no longer reflecting the market price, the
	relevant question is not whether (and, if so, to what extent) is actually consumed
	in Spain. The relevant question is whether (and, if so, to what extent)
	the benchmark by which the GN Group's end users negotiate prices in the
	liberalized Spanish market. Indeed, it is precisely because
	Enagas negotiated with Atlantic LNG the
	introduction of such . At that moment of time
	was a compromise between the parties, without the intention of exactly
	matching in the primary market sectors, as
	Atlantic alleges. 95
69.	The salient question, then, is whether has "disappeared" from, and whether
	(not the market). In fact, it has done precisely the
	opposite. Not only is , but it is more important now
	than it was when the Parties signed the Contract in July 1995.96 Further, the
	Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group makes clear that the
	has also increased since 2002. In February 2002, the combined
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	. Thus, the
	.99 Under these circumstances, the Tribunal

Witness Statement of Víctor Tuñón ¶ 14.

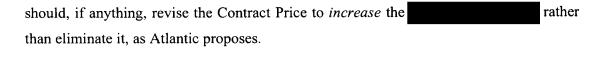
⁹⁵ Statement of Claim ¶ 24.

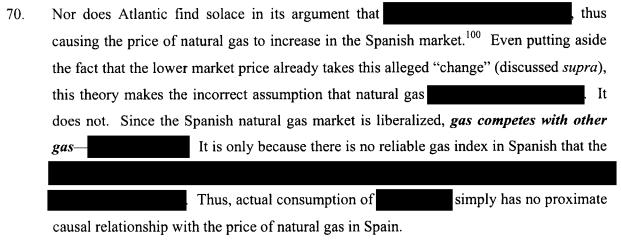
Compare Royal Decree 16839, Order dated July 3, 1995, Legal Authority No. 68, with Order ITC/4101/2005 dated Dec. 30, 2005, Legal Authority No. 69.

Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group ¶¶ 147–48.

⁹⁸ *Id*.

⁹⁹ *Id*.





71. Consistent with this fact, other major European gas players with an active presence in the Spanish market have reported as a price index included in their gas price formulas. Furthermore, the European Commission has stated that is typically included as a price index in long-term natural gas supply contracts in the European Union. Indeed, the European Commission has reported that has an approximate

Thus, it would hardly be "fair and equitable" to in Article 8.1, as required by Article 8.5(a).

According to data provided by the European Commission, it would be eminently more fair and equitable

¹⁰⁰ Memorandum of Law ¶ 143.

Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group ¶¶ 149–51.

Id. ¶¶ 152–55.

Indeed, from 2001 until 2003, the Spanish Government auctioned a significant volume of piped gas from the Maghreb contract to enhance competition. The auctioned price was See id. ¶¶ 156–59. Atlantic's Train 1 LNG had to compete with the Maghreb auctioned pipeline gas during those years.

c. Is Being Consumed In Spain, And Has Not Replaced

72.	In any event, Royal Decree 287/2001 has not resulted in the "de facto outlawing of
	," as Atlantic asserts. 104 In its Memorandum of Law, Atlantic seeks to distort that
	reality by redefining "to suit its own purposes. Atlantic states for the first time in
	its Memorandum of Law that is "
	Then—as has become its practice—Atlantic harshly criticizes GNA for
	asserting to the contrary, calling GNA's assertion that
	to be "disingenuous[]" and then accuses GNA of
	"ignor[ing] the text of the pricing formula in Article 8.1"106

73. It is ironic that Atlantic would accuse GNA of "ignor[ing] the text of the pricing formula in Article 8.1" when Atlantic's own position is directly at odds with the definition of in the Contract itself. Article 8.1 defines has having a "maximum [of] has having a "maximum figure to be the upper limit, thus indicating that are also considered to be as having a "maximum [of] having a "maximum fof]." Because there is no intermediary category between and it follows that

74. Indeed, Atlantic admitted that
the Price Reopener negotiations. In Slide 12 to its PowerPoint presentation dated June 2,
2005, Atlantic specifically defined to mean "

Nor did Atlantic take a different position in its Statement of Claim. It was only
after GNA submitted its Statement of Defense and Counterclaim—in which it put the lie

Statement of Claim ¶ 87.

Memorandum of Law ¶ 139.

¹⁰⁶ *Id.* ¶ 147.

LNG Sales Contract, Article 8.1 (emphasis added).

Atlantic Presentation dated June 2, 2005, Slide 12, Annex R-31(B).

	to Atlantic's statement that there had been a "disappearance" of
	did Atlantic decide to change it story.
75.	Not coincidentally, the definition of a second in Article 8.1 is also used by official agencies
	and the general practice in the industry. The International Energy Agency (the OECD
	energy body) defines
	The Spanish Government also passed an Order dated September 30, 1999, in which it
	defined that would
	include
	legislation that Atlantic claims to have caused the "disappearance" of defines
	112
	And that is precisely how Atlantic interpreted the legislation in the Price Reopener
	negotiations, stating in writing: "Spanish Royal decree 287/2001 effective Jan 2003 [is a]
	virtual ban on
76.	Thus, the question is not, as Atlantic has framed it, 114 whether
	is no longer consumed in Spain. Rather, the question is whether
	is no longer consumed. With the issue properly so
	framed, many of Atlantic's arguments simply fall away. The primary thrust of its
	remaining arguments is that Spanish legislation (Royal Decree 287/2001) has caused
	to "no longer [be] burned in Spain." That is incorrect. is still consumed
	in Spain. 116 The Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group provides data on the
	consumption of from 1998 until 2006 in Spain. A review of that data reveals

Statement of Defense and Counterclaim ¶¶ 157–61.

Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group ¶ 164.

¹¹¹ Id. ¶ 165.

Royal Decree 287/2001, Article 1.1, Annex C-323.

Atlantic Presentation dated June 2, 2005, Slide 12, Annex R-31(B).

¹¹⁴ Memorandum of Law ¶ 147.

¹¹⁵ *Id.* ¶ 142.

Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group ¶¶ 178–82.

¹¹⁷ *Id.* ¶ 179.

77. The reason for the continuous consumption of in Spain in the face of Royal Decree 287/2001 and Royal Decree 61/2006 is because the legislation carves out four significant exceptions where can, in fact, be burned.



Nor is that all. The Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group provides other evidence that is still being produced and consumed in Spain. Among such evidence, the Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group explains that is used in most and plants in the Spanish power sector, 122 six of ten Spanish refineries have reported the combustion of 123 and major companies manufacture lubricants specifically aimed at 124 users. 124 In view of these facts (among others), Atlantic has demonstrated a lack of candor when it says that

¹¹⁸ Memorandum of Law ¶ 142.

Expert Report of The Boston Consulting Group ¶ 181.

¹²⁰ *Id.* ¶ 178.

Id. ¶ 170–72. Combustion plants with thermal power of 50 MW or above are considered large combustion plants according to European and Spanish regulations. Id.

¹²² *Id.* ¶ 193–96.

¹²³ *Id.* ¶ 197

¹²⁴ Id. ¶¶ 198–201.

$\begin{array}{c} Pages~37-51\\ included~in~Exhibit~10~to~the~Cavoli~Declaration,\\ dated~April~16,~2008 \end{array}$

Pages 52 – 106 & A1 – A28 omitted (not referenced or relied upon by Atlantic)